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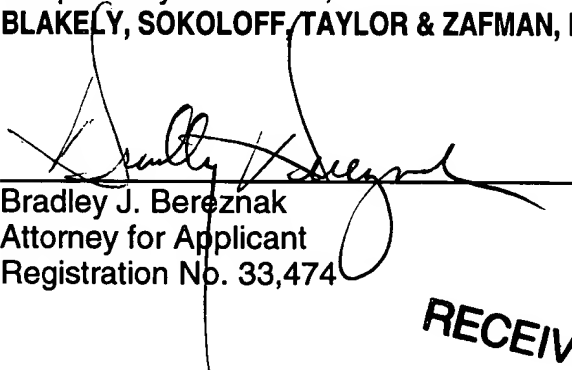
Remarks

Applicant submits this preliminary amendment to the examiner to correct certain informalities present in the original specification as filed. A typographical error has also been corrected in original claim 3.

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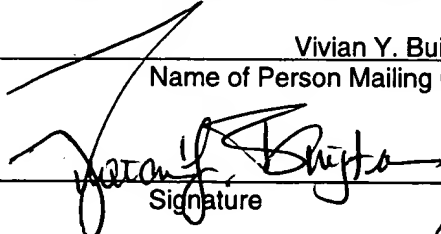
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